



South Carolina Department of Health
and Environmental Control

Division of Procurement Services

Request for Proposal
Amendment - 1

Solicitation No.: RFP-37796-3/25/10-EMW
Date Issued: 3/17/10
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DESCRIPTION: Contract to provide for the analysis of radiological parameters for South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's EQC-Region 5

USING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: **South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control**

The Term "Offer" Means Your "Bid" or "Proposal". Your offer must be submitted in a sealed package. Solicitation Number & Opening Date must appear on package exterior. See "Submitting Your Offer" provision.

SUBMIT YOUR SEALED OFFER TO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

MAILING ADDRESS:

SC DHEC – Division of Procurement Services
Bureau of Business Management
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, S.C. 29201

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

SC DHEC – Division of Procurement Services
Bureau of Business Management
2600 Bull Street, Room 1200 – Aycock Bldg.
Columbia, S.C. 29201

SUBMIT OFFER BY: March 25, 2010/2:30 pm ET

(See "Deadline For Submission Of Offer" provision)

QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:

(See "Questions From Offerors" provision)

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: One (1) original and six (6) copies

CONFERENCE TYPE: N/A

DATE & TIME:

(As appropriate, see "Conferences - Pre-Bid/Proposal" & "Site Visit" provisions)

LOCATION: N/A

AWARD &
AMENDMENTS

Award will be posted on **April 6, 2010**. The award, this solicitation, any amendments, and any related notices will be posted at the following web address: <http://www.scdhec.net/procurement>

You must submit a signed copy of this form with Your Offer. By submitting a bid or proposal, You agree to be bound by the terms of the Solicitation. You agree to hold Your Offer open for a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days after the Opening Date.
(See "Signing Your Offer" and "Electronic Signature" provisions.)

NAME OF OFFEROR

(full legal name of business submitting the offer)

Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror. The entity named as the offeror must be a single and distinct legal entity. Do not use the name of a branch office or a division of a larger entity if the branch or division is not a separate legal entity, i.e., a separate corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

(Person must be authorized to submit binding offer to contract on behalf of Offeror.)

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NO.

(See "Taxpayer Identification Number" provision)

TITLE

(business title of person signing above)

STATE VENDOR NO.

(Register to Obtain S.C. Vendor No. at www.procurement.sc.gov)

PRINTED NAME

(printed name of person signing above)

DATE SIGNED

STATE OF INCORPORATION

(If you are a corporation, identify the state of incorporation.)

OFFEROR'S TYPE OF ENTITY: (Check one)

(See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)

☐ Sole Proprietorship

☐ Partnership

☐ Other

☐ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt)

☐ Corporation (tax-exempt)

☐ Government entity (federal, state, or local)

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(Return Page Two with Your Offer)

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS (Address for offeror's home office / principal place of business)	NOTICE ADDRESS (Address to which all procurement and contract related notices should be sent.) (See "Notice" clause)
	Area Code - Number - Extension Facsimile
	E-mail Address

PAYMENT ADDRESS (Address to which payments will be sent.) (See "Payment" clause)	ORDER ADDRESS (Address to which purchase orders will be sent) (See "Purchase Orders and "Contract Documents" clauses)
_____ Payment Address same as Home Office Address _____ Payment Address same as Notice Address (check only one)	_____ Order Address same as Home Office Address _____ Order Address same as Notice Address (check only one)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS Offerors acknowledges receipt of amendments by indicating amendment number and its date of issue. (See "Amendments to Solicitation" Provision)							
Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See "Discount for Prompt Payment" clause)	10 Calendar Days (%)	20 Calendar Days (%)	30 Calendar Days (%)	_____ Calendar Days (%)
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PREFERENCES - SC RESIDENT VENDOR PREFERENCE (June 2005): Section 11-35-1524 provides a preference for offerors that qualify as a resident vendor. A resident vendor is an offeror that (a) is authorized to transact business within South Carolina, (b) maintains an office* in South Carolina, (c) either (1) maintains a minimum \$10,000.00 representative inventory at the time of the solicitation, or (2) is a manufacturer which is headquartered and has at least a ten million dollar payroll in South Carolina, and the product is made or processed from raw materials into a finished end-product by such manufacturer or an affiliate (as defined in Section 1563 of the Internal Revenue Code) of such manufacturer, and (d) has paid all assessed taxes. If applicable, preference will be applied as required by law.	OFFERORS REQUESTING THIS PREFERENCE MUST INITIAL HERE. _____ *ADDRESS AND PHONE OF IN-STATE OFFICE _____ In-State Office Address same as Home Office Address _____ In-State Office Address same as Notice Address <div align="right">(check only one)</div>
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PREFERENCES - SC/US END-PRODUCT (June 2005): Section 11-35-1524 provides a preference to vendors offering South Carolina end-products or US end-products, if those products are made, manufactured, or grown in SC or the US, respectively. An end-product is the item identified for acquisition in this solicitation, including all component parts in final form and ready for the use intended. The terms made, manufactured, and grown are defined by Section 11-35-1524(B). By signing your offer and checking the appropriate space(s) provided and identified on the bid schedule, offeror certifies that the end-product(s) is either made, manufactured or grown in South Carolina, or other states of the United States, as applicable. Preference will be applied as required by law.	IF THIS PREFERENCE APPLIES TO THIS PROCUREMENT, PART VII (BIDDING SCHEDULE) WILL INCLUDE A PLACE TO CLAIM THE PREFERENCE. OFFERORS REQUESTING THIS PREFERENCE MUST CHECK THE APPROPRIATE SPACES ON THE BIDDING SCHEDULE.
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AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATION (DHEC – FEB 2007)

- (a) The Solicitation may be amended at any time prior to opening. All actual and prospective Offerors should monitor the following web site for the issuance of Amendments: <http://www.scdhec.gov/procurement/>
- (b) Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the amendment, (2) by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on Page Two, (3) by letter, or (4) by submitting a bid that indicates in some way that the bidder received the amendment.
- (c) If this solicitation is amended, then all terms and conditions which are not modified remain unchanged.

Amendment Number One*Questions and Answers*

1. Is this a new project? If not, what quantity and type of sample has the monitoring program generated in previous years?
Answer: See III.B.5. There is no guarantee on the number of samples that will be submitted for analysis. This is not a new contract.
2. Please clarify at what point laboratory custody of samples begins.
Answer: Laboratory custody of samples begins upon receipt from courier.
3. Please clarify the required reporting time from beginning of laboratory custody of the sample.
Answer: 45 days after taking custody from the courier.
4. Is a state NELAP certification acceptable for the requirement to have an EPA radiological drinking water certification?
Answer: A federal EPA or state-designated accreditation is acceptable.
5. Are there any retention time requirements for retention of samples and/or analytical preparations after analysis and reporting are complete?
Answer: 45 days after transmittal of final data package.
6. May any portion of the proposal be submitted as .pdf files on CD rather than on paper? Some of the documentation requested, particularly the written procedures, is a large number of pages that can be read and searched more easily as computer files.
Answer: Disc copies are acceptable for the written procedures requested, but only for those procedures.
7. Please clarify the requested procedures that detail "availability of rush sample analysis including turnaround time"
Answer: The RFP asks that the offeror provide details of rush samples.
8. Please clarify where in the RFP to find the "format and essential reporting characteristics supplied by DHEC".
Answer: Providing details and example of data reporting will be acceptable.
9. Are laboratory floor plans acceptable as the requested blueprint?
Answer: Yes.
10. Re: IV.A.3 and IV.A.4, Annual Method Detection Limit Studies -- these entries appear to be duplicates. Please clarify what information is requested if they are different.
Answer: Correct, these are essentially the same.
11. Will a proposal be considered nonresponsive if any items are shown as no-bid? A few of the MDCs are lower than our laboratory is able to provide.
Answer: Please submit the minimum detectable concentration (MDC) that your laboratory can provide for selected media analyses.
12. Please clarify how communication and pricing would be handled, should the DHEC add an analysis or matrix not found on the bidding schedule.
Answer: This would be discussed on a case-by-case basis.
13. Re: IV Minority Participation - Please clarify if this set of questions must be submitted along with the proposal.
Answer: Yes.
14. What is the minimum or nominal air flow for the air samples, presuming that the samples would be sent as filters?
Answer: 47 mm glass fiber filters will be composites by quarter, which represents a flow of approximately 8,000 m³.